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1. On 15 March there were 30 unidentified planes in an underground hangar at Hoeryong (129-45, 42-26) (EB 6298) Airfield. All houses in the vicinity of the airfield were cleared of residents before 1 March to provide billets for Soviet pilots. A number of these pilots were occupying houses and barracks near the field. The airfield area is off limits for all Koreans without special passes.
2. Approximately 200 Soviet jets were stationed in camouflaged hangars on Hoeryong Airfield.
3. The Pyonggang (127-18, 38-25) Airfield is 90 percent completed. There are three large underground hangars in the hill west of the strip but no planes were observed. Three Chinese Communist battalions and the North Korean 27 Field Artillery Brigade are stationed at this field. The 27 Brigade comprises 300 men, equipped with 6 x 155-mm. guns, 8 Soviet 120-mm. field guns, 20 x 120-mm. mortars and about 20 vehicles.
4. In early April the commander of the Chinese Communist 39 Army was WU Tien-shan (吳 庭 山).\*
5. Soldiers of the 39 Army were told in a lecture before the end of March that the army had 50 tanks, 200 automatic machine guns, 400 car-drawn artillery pieces, 500 automatic short rifles. The 116 Division of the 39 Army had 90 cart-drawn mortars, 90 x 82-mm. mortars, 40 car-drawn field guns, 120 light machine guns. The 348 Regiment of the 116 Division had 36 cart-drawn mortars, 72 machine guns, 36 trench mortars, and rifles for each man. The 3 Battalion of the 348 Regiment had 24 machine guns, 12 trench mortars, and 20 x 82-mm. mortars.

\* [ ] Comment. This commander was previously reported as WU Tien-chuan.  
[ ] Comment. According to the most recent information available to this office, LIU Chien is Commander of the 39 Army.

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